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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS ON CYPRUS AND EMBARGO DEVELOPMENTS

1. CYPRUS- RELATED DEVELOPMENTS DOMINATED THE FRONT PAGES OF MOST MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES TUESDAY (JULY 22). MOST PROMINENT PLAY WENT TO TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF DENKTAS'S THREAT TO EXPEL FIVE GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR EVERY TURKISH CYPRIOT REFUSED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO THE TURKISH ZONE AND TO A PRESS CONFERENCE BY NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY LEADER NECMETTIN ERBAKAN, WHO ASSERTED THAT HIS FORMER COALITION PARTNER, REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY CHARIMAN BULENT ECEVIT, WANTED TO HALT LAST JULY'S MILITARY INTERVENTION AFTER ONLY A FEW HOURS.

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2. IN COVERAGE OF EMBARGO DEVELOPMENTS, MILLIYET AND TERCUMAN

CARRIED REPORTS BY CORRESPONDENTS IN WASHINGTON. BOTH THESE REPORTS NOTED THAT GREEK-AMERICANS AND OTHERS OPPOSED TO THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR EFFORTS IN RECENT DAYS. BOTH REPORTED THAT THE VOTE IN THE HOUSE, SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, IS EXPECTED TO BE VERY CLOSE DESPITE STRENUOUS EFFORTS BY THE FORD ADMINISTRATION. GUNAYDIN AND HURRIYET REPORTED THAT 15,000 GREEK-AMERICANS HAD TAKEN PART IN A PRO-EMBARGO DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON SUNDAY.

3. ON OTHER EMBARGO COVERAGE, GUNAYDIN CITED AN UNNAMED MINISTER OF THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT AS SAYING THAT THE "PROVISIONAL STATUS" FOR U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY WOULD BE APPLIED AUGUST 1 UNLESS THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED. BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON COMMON DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD ALSO BE IMMEDIATELY RESUMED THE STORY SAID. AN UNATTRIBUTED PORTION OF THE GUNAYDIN STORY SAID THAT THE "PROVISIONAL STATUS" WOULD INCLUDE THE CLOSING OF FOUR INSTALLATIONS ON THE BLACK SEA, THE ABOLITION OF TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR U.S. PERSONNEL AND THE TRIAL OF U.S. PERSONNEL IN TURKISH COURTS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW. THE GUNAYDIN STORY ALSO QUOTED THE UNNAMED MINISTER AS SAYING THAT, "THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF TURKEY GIVING ANY CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS... NO GOVERNMENT WOULD EVEN GIVE THE HINT OF CONCESSIONS."

4. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, ABDI IPEKCI IN A FRONT PAGE COLUMN IN MILLIYET DECLARED THAT EVEN HOUSE PASSAGE OF THE BILL LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A POSITIVE RESULT BECAUSE IT WOULD NEITHER END THE "UNJUST" PRESSURE NOR REPRESENT A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL. "THIS WOULD MERELY MEAN THE END OF THE ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL CONFISCATORY ACTION OF AMERICA". IPEKCI BLAMED THE U.S. FOR THE DEADLOCK IN CYPRUS, ASSERTING THAT NO TURKISH GOVERNMENT COULD NEGOTIATE UNDER SUCH PRESSURE. HE URGED THAT IF THE U.S. MAINTAINS THE EMBARGO, TURKEY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY IMPOSE COUNTER-MEASURES AND THEN BEGIN RAPID NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS, FOR TIME IS ON THE SIDE OF THE GREEKS.

5. MILLIYET ALSO CARRIED A COLUMN BY MUMTAZ SOYSAL UNDER THE TITLE: "CONTEMPORARY CAPITULATIONS" IN WHICH HE LIKENED THE APO MAIL SYSTEM AND PX'S FOR U.S. PERSONNEL IN TURKEY TO THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS GRANTED BY THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE TO

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THE EUROPEAN POWERS. FAR FROM BEING ABLE TO ELIMINATE THESE PRIVILEGES, SAID SOYSAL, THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT HAS EVEN BEEN UNABLE TO IMPOSE A "PROVISIONAL" STATUS ON U.S. INSTALLATIONS.

6. IN OTHER COMMENTARY, MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET SAID IN AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL THAT THE CYPRUS QUESTION SHOULD BE TAKEN UP IN A NEGOTIATING PACKAGE WITH GREECE WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE OF THIRD PARTIES. BUT HURRIYET LAMENTED THAT

IN THE PRESENT ATMOSPHERE, NEITHER THE CURRENT COALITION
GOVERNMENT NOR AND ECEVIT GOVERNMENT WOULD BE STRONG ENOUGH TO
PURSUE THIS COURSE.
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